

DATE: June 4, 2018

TO: Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Dale Gibson, President
Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC)

SUBJECT: Comment on Council File 18-0270 Eligible uses for Special Purpose Funds

RECOMMENDATIONS

The LAEAC has determined that, with their assistance, more than \$3.5 Million in Special Purpose Funds (Table 2) should be spent on four (4) outlined recommendations (Table 1) of the original Horse Advisory Task Force including the development of cooperative assistance agreements with other agencies operating within the City in order to maximize the value for the purposes for which these funds were created. The LAEAC further recommends;

That the Mayor and City Council: 1) Find that the LAEAC has the expertise to advise the Department of Recreation and Parks and Bureau of Engineering on appropriate projects that would benefit the City and maximize the above listed funds; and, 2) Authorize the LAEAC to establish and oversee a volunteer trail maintenance group whose scope includes all trails within the City; and 3) Authorize the LAEAC to participate in the formation of agreements between the City and non-profits, County of Los Angeles, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, National Forest Service, California State Parks, National Park Service and private property owners for the acquisition, mapping, maintenance, restoration and creation of a trail system.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Approval of these recommendations will authorize members of the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee to reach out to participants. Because the LAEAC is a volunteer committee, this will result in no direct expenditure of funds. Should the LAEAC recommend viable projects or agreements, these projects/agreements will be subject to the review and approval of the Office of the City Administrative Officer and City Attorney.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

On December 18, 2007 Councilmember Wendy Greuel introduced Motion 07-4097, establishing a Horse Advisory Task Force to address ...(equestrian issues).

On February 19, 2008, the City Council approved the communication from Arts, Parks, Health and Aging (APHA) Committee relative to a Motion (Greuel-Alarcon-Smith) to establish a Horse Advisory Task Force for the City of Los Angeles. Animal Services was initially assigned to lead that effort, which was to include representatives from Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Planning, City Administrative Officer, and Chief Legislative Analyst, as well as other Council District offices. Animal Services reported that it worked closely with staff of Councilmember Greuel's office, met with City staff, and solicited

issues statements from throughout the City. This resulted in a comprehensive matrix of equestrian related issues in the city, "Survey of Equine Issues", which was included with the Animal Services report attached to the Council file.

At its regular meeting on October 15, 2008, the (APHA) Committee considered a report from the Department of Animal Services (Animal Services) relative to the creation of a Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee.

Table 1. "Summary of Equine Issues" (Partial)

| Department | Issue | Optimum Result |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Planning/RAP/DOT/ Public Works/DBS | Agency Coordination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Identify and establish responsible parties for City trails program (RAP, Planning, BOE, etc.). *Utilize consistent standards across jurisdictions where possible. *Develop land use agreements with Utilities. *Establish code authority to inspect and enforce trail standards. |
| RAP/Planning | Rim of the Valley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Clearly depict on the City-Wide trail map and on the Community Plan Maps where the connections should be. *Sort out the sprawling Rim of the Valley trail project into defined subjects for community meetings and design charrettes. |
| RAP | Easements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Review/adjust standard trail easement requirements. |
| RAP | Volunteer Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Utilize volunteer user groups for inspection/reporting and where possible-maintenance and repair. * Develop a program information center as part of a website |

Representatives of Animal Services and Council District 2 provided an overview of the results of the survey and the proposed Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee to the APHA Committee.

On February 9, 2009, the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee (LAEAC) was created by Council action by unanimous vote. The Mission of the LAEAC is to advise the Mayor and City Council on issues of concern. LAEAC estimates that there are 150,000 equestrian stakeholders. This represents not only horse owners, but also those who participate in equestrian programs and those who are employed in horse related support industries.

The LAEAC is overseen by the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP). It meets bi-monthly according to a calendar approved by the Committee, on the fourth (4th) Monday of odd numbered months, at 6:30pm., at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center located at 480 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91506. Meeting Agendas, Minutes, Committee Members and Programs can be found on the LAEAC website, <http://www.LAEAC.us>

Since its creation, the LAEAC has sought to advise the City on issues, including uses of the Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund. Projects identified in 2008 by the Task Force are still needed. The LAEAC focus for the 2018-2019 year includes efforts to more effectively establish and promote Rim of the Valley Trail and the 50th anniversary of the City's *Hiking and Equestrian Trails Master Plan*. The devastation of the Creek and La Tuna Fires has made this the ideal time to create a permanent mechanism to map, acquire, maintain and restore trails in this area. The City Controller has identified the following funding currently available, specifically for these purposes.

Table 2. SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS

City of Los Angeles Department 88 Recreation and Parks

| TRUST FUND | Who Motioned/ WHO CONTROLS | AVAILABLE FUNDS | |
|--|---|-----------------|---|
| FUND 212 Equestrian Facilities Trust Fund | | \$870,461.41 | Recreation and Parks controls funds |
| Council file | | Action | Title |
| 12-0307 | Alarcon/ RAP | Report & File | General Plan Conservation Element / Equine Areas / Horse Trails / Overview Update |
| 12-0307 S-1 | Alarcon/ DOT | Report & File | Equestrian at Grade Road Crossings |
| 12-0307-S 4 | Alarcon | Appropriation | \$100,000 from Lopez Canyon Amenities trust fund for horse trail improvements |
| 04-0303 | Padilla/ | Appropriation | \$50,000 for a horse trail planning exercise Lopez Canyon Amenities trust fund |
| 07-4133 | Smith/ PLANNING | Report & File | Procedure to dedicate horse trails in connection with tentative tracts |
| FUND 698 Pass through for Prop K funds | | | |
| PROP K | CAO - Specific Language for Rim of the Valley | \$2,000,000 | City Controller reports total of - \$4,725,350.00 |
| FUND 46L | RAP - | \$647,513 | PROP 12 BOND FUND FOR PARK EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT |
| FUND 858 | RAP- | \$60,928 | SALE OF PROPERTY TO SMMC |

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS

\$3,578,902.
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cc: Ron Galprin, City Controller
cc: Michael H. Feuer, City Attorney
cc: Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst
cc: Richard Llewellyn, City Administrative Officer

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